



JUDICIAL PROFILE

Paul A. Katz presently serves as Tax Court Presiding Judge. He previously has been assigned to the Civil, Criminal and Family Court Departments. Judge Katz, raised in Chicago, received his bachelor's degree from the University of Michigan in 1973 and his Juris Doctor Degree from the Illinois Institute of Technology's Chicago-Kent College of Law in 1976. From 1976 until 1978, he practiced with the Phoenix law firm Rosen & Sundeen, and then spent two years as a Special Assistant Attorney General working with the Arizona Department of Health. In 1980, he was appointed an Assistant United States Attorney in Arizona, serving as a trial lawyer on both civil and criminal matters. He became an instructor at the U.S. Justice Department's Advocacy Institute in Washington D.C. In 1986, Judge Katz returned to private practice, first, with the firm of Harrison & Lerch, where his work focused on commercial and environmental litigation, and, in 1988, he became corporate counsel with R.A. Homes, Inc. In 1989, he became a Superior Court Judge.



Judge Katz has handled a wide array of court dockets, serving both in downtown Phoenix and at the court's Southeast Branch in Mesa. His broad experience as both a civil and criminal trial lawyer allows him to easily accommodate changes in calendar assignments.